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EXTENSION OF THE SECOND COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Note by the Administrator

1. The second country programme for the Turks and Caicos Islands was approved by the Governing Council at its special session in February 1987 for the period 1987 to 1991. The main focus of the programme was assistance in public sector policy formulation and implementation. The programme successfully addressed the institutional strengthening of national physical planning capabilities; significant achievements were also made in developing housing policies and strategies which have been adopted nationally. In the second area of concentration, namely human resources development, the programme contributed to upgrading the skills of personnel in the health, education and water sectors. The continuing validity of this latter concentration area has been reaffirmed by the Government.

2. The present Government, elected in 1991, has stated its intention to undertake major policy and institutional reforms in the public sector, as these are considered necessary conditions for achieving the ultimate goal of economic independence. Towards this end, the Government is currently reviewing with the United Kingdom, the administering Power, specific investment proposals for the next five-year period. The Government has therefore requested a one-year extension of the existing country programme while a thorough assessment is made of the institutional capacities necessary to support the policy changes and the expanded public investment programmes. The requirements will then be integrated into the third country programme.

3. It is expected that the third country programme will be submitted to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the second country programme for the Turks and Caicos Islands for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.